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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

FUKURA et al.

Application No.: (New Application)

Filed: Herewith

For: Plastic Optical Fiber, Optical Fiber Cable, Plugged Optical Fiber Cable
and Production Methods Thereof

March 8, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Cross-Referenced Applications

This application is the National phase of International Application No. PCT/JP00/06093,
filed September 7, 2000, which designated the U.S. and that International Application was not
published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 10 and 21 as follows:

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10. (Amended) A production method of a plastic optical fiber, comprising the step of
annealing a plastic optical fiber obtained by heat-drawing an undrawn fiber obtained by melt